THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB, INC.

1945 Bulletin # 1.

Jan. 25, 1945.

Dear Members:

The Old Man with the scythe has mowed down another year. It is useless to look back with regrets at time lost and wasted, at mistakes made, so let us profit by our experiences, greet the youngster wearing the three cornered pants by saying, "Nothing is so bad that it couldn't be worse, and nothing is so good that it can't be better." So with a kindly thought to our fellowman and lots of luck to our brother hams, we quote a little poem:

Jack had money
Jill had nil
Jack married Jill
So Jack had Jill

Jill went to Reno
Now she's back
Jack has nothing
But Jill has Jack
Goodfellow Field, Flight Time.

The club meetings of Dec. 21st and 28th were attended by 15 members respectively. The last meeting being our regular "Old Timer's Night" was celebrated by having Clarence Crapo, W9VD, project his colored slides showing the rigs of quite a few of our members, scenes at our 1939 Convention, 1940 Bowling Party and 1940 Picnic. Black and white slides were shown, including club group pictures taken in the Trustee's Room of the Museum in 1919 and in the 20's. The progress of wireless and radio could be followed by views of 9VD from 1915 to the present W9VD. Ted Hien, W9ACM, showed some 8 mm movie film that he took on the Grand Trunk carferries. Bob Schmidt, W9VDY, who was home from Boston over the Holidays, was a visitor and was accompanied by Melvin Frank, W9HFJ, a local ham.

Wanted - A girl with a good reputation who can cook frog-legs, who can stand a little future fun at parties and frolicking without getting sick.

At this time, it is quite apropos to give a resume' of our success in the Bulletin field for the past year. When the present editor took over the reins in January, we were sending out 50 copies. The December issue totalled 90 copies. We have received 270 cards, letters and acknowledgments from 81 Boys, which gives us an average of .900. The response, comments and well wishes have been very gratifying. Only one bit of criticism was received. We were told that our poems and jokes are corny. We do not profess to be overly imbued with wit, but we do know that "A man's judgment is no better than his information" and that "You may glean knowledge by reading, but you must separate the wheat from the chaff (corn) by thinking."

The Jan. 4th meeting was pretty well attended, 12 members and 4 visitors were present, but too many of the familiar faces were

missing. Either some of the Boys are in the doghouse or they had to make resolutions and give pledges to stay at home.

The Jan. 11th meeting was attended by 17 members and 3 visitors. One of the visitors was Ensign Papke, a chief radio operator on a U. S. Merchant Marine oil tanker.

At the Jan. 18th meeting 16 members and 4 visitors were present. Pfc. John Deisinger was home on furlough and was at the meeting to say hello to the gang.

Cal: "I want you to tattoo a cat on my knee."
Tattooer: "Nope, a giraffe or nothing."

A resume' of the WERS situation shows that 17 of the 19 fixed stations are in operation. All of the 10 portable mobile stations are in operation, when B batteries and gas is available and the weather not too cold. WERS operator's permits are held by 88 Milwaukee County hams, but with only 36% reporting for drill and 11 stations participating in the average drill, the showing leaves lots to be wished for.

Dec. 20th, unit # 2 had net control and it was handled very efficiently. Unit # 24 a walkie talkie rig using a Philco XXB tube with an input of .04 watt was operated by Radio Aide Herb Wareing, W9NY, from the Mariner Tower. A good signal was put out and heard by all units.

Jan. 3rd, unit # 8 had net control. Many of the stations were not on for some reason or other, but despite that fact, # 8 did very well considering that he had no logger or assistant and had to handle everything himself, which is a mansized job. Unit # 24 was operated from the Gas Company Bldg, but did not get out as good as from the Mariner Tower.

Jan. 10th, net was controlled by unit # 21 and everything ran off smoothly, as the Boys are getting more and more experienced. The only trouble # 21 had was with a sticky change-over relay that caused failures at the wrong time.

Net was controlled by unit # 22 on Jan. 17th, with a 10 - 12 (officials present) signal. It was a pretty slick handled drill and everytne was on their toes.

Boy dog, in conversation with girl dog on the telephone: "Let's hang up."

Communications were received from the following:

Sgt. Jimmie Wolff, W9CRK, dropped us a short letter from Italy. He's getting the Bulletin right along, but wishes it were sent air mail so he'd get it faster.

S/Sgt. Ray Behmke, W9DJC, sent a Christmas card from New Delhi, India.

Capt. Reid Burrows, USMCR, W9JWT, sent a Christmas picture accompanied by a piece of wing fabric from a Jap Zero and several pages from a Japanese electrical text book.

Lt. Louis Wollaeger, USNR, W9ANA, whose "Hooper" rating has gone up to the head of the list, sent us several letters from his location in the SW Pacific. He sent several clippings from a service paper, "The Daily Beacon", one being an item entitled "How big is Miss America's Bust?" Swell reading. Another small clipping was an anecdote regarding a magazine picture of busty Lana Turner. Opposite her was an ad, "Kick into the Community Chest."

Ray Charney, RT 3/C, sent a Christmas card from the SW Pacific, followed up by a letter in which he stated that he met Dan Gellerup of WTMJ, who is down there as an RCA technical engineer.

Lt. Sid Rose, W9VKC, sent a letter and Christmas card from Agra, India. He mentioned that he has spent six weeks in a hospital, having an operation to remove Cysts from his gums. Probably caused by too much "beating the gums" for his baseball team, which we gleaned from the Sport page of the Journal. A second letter was received in which Sid wants to inform W9ANA that he has three cases of beer in his tent. He also gave us Ralph Green's address and added, "Don't expect to hear from him." A third letter was received just before going to "press".

Christmas cards were received from Roman Hudzinski, ACRM, W9JPS; Russ Burss, W9RKP; E. J. Irving, W9GQO; and Lt. (jg) Bill Black, USNR.

Sgt. Gil Rink, wrote a V-mail letter from the vicinity of Paris. He sent thanks for the club's Christmas card and season's greetings to the MRAC gang. In a second letter he acknowledged receipt of Bulletin # 11. Eugene Mahoney, RM 2/C, W9ZIE, wrote from his amphibian base in California.

Technical Observer Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, wrote a V-mail letter from somewhere in Belgium, with holiday greetings to the gang, and also a post card showing Reims Cathedral.

Norb. Kelly, RM 1/C, W9JWN, wrote an airmail letter from his station in the SW Pacific with 73 to the gang.

Edward T. Howell, ex9CVI, one of our old timers, having held office in various capacities from 1922 to 1930, dropped us a line from Wilmington, Del. Ed. received Bulletin # 11 through Dr. Baird, ex9HO, and upon reading the names of some of our old timers was overcome with a bad case of nostalgia. In fact, he broke down and wrote us how he enjoyed the interesting Bulletin and that it was FB. Well, Ed, you used the best method possible to get on our mailing list.

W9ANA service humor. Newspaper item: Mrs. Lottie Prun was granted a divorce when she testified that, since her marriage, her husband had spoken to her but three times. She was awarded the custody of their three children.

Mrs. Ruth Isham, WERS operator of portable unit # 10, WKNF, Mansfield, Ohio, dropped us a line acknowledging receipt of our Bulletin and thanked us for same. She sent along the following story: A little boy and girl who lived next door to a nudist colony found a knothole one day. The little girl took the first look. "What are they?" asked the little boy, "Men or women?" "I don't know," she replied, "they haven't any clothes on."

Dr. L. S. H. Baird, ex9HO, wrote us a letter from Los Angeles. He acknowledged receipt of the Bulletins and sends 73 to the gang. T/4 Ralph Green, W9WGR, sent us a Christmas card from India. He sends thanks for the Bulletins and is looking forward for future issues. Who said we wouldn't hear from Ralph Green? Sid, aren't you ashamed?

Comdr. Fred Catel, USNR, W9DTK, sent us cards from Honolulu, with thanks for our Christmas card and 73 to the IRAC gang.

Ronie Rudzinski, ACRM, W9JPS, wrote from his carrier. He sent along the following story: Down in the jungles of South America, a native chief was much chagrined to become the father of a white child. It not only irritated, but confused him, and he suspected his wife of carrying on behind his back. After considerable investigation, he learned that there was a white man on a rubber plantation some distance away. The man was brought to the Chief to give an explanation. The man went into elaborate detail, telling of how, in the process of reproduction and propagation, peculiar things may happen. He referred to some sheep browsing on a nearby hill. "Look at those sheep, for instance, do you notice that lone black one?" The Chief considered this explanation very carefully and finally said, "O.K., let's forget about it."

Cpl. John Rashinsky wrote from Kansas, where he is being processed for overseas duty. John was home, but his furlough was cancelled abruptly and he had to return to his station, so he could not make the club meeting.

Emil Folber, W9AII, read letters which he received from overseas from Warrant Officer Ted Kercher, USN, K6SNW, and T/Sgt G. H. McClaine. Sgt. James Fischer wrote from France. He acknowledged receipt of our Christmas card and Bulletin # 10 and sends 73 to the gang.

Comdr. William Gainer, USNR, W9SO, wrote us a nice letter from California in which he thanked us for the Christmas card and the "consistently newsy and informative Bulletin." We noticed that Bill was upped a rank and now is a full Commander. Comdr. Fred Catel, USNR, W9DTK, visited Bill seve[illegible] weeks ago and they had an old-fashioned ragchew at the NAS Officer's Club.

We close with the following topper-offer: It happened in one of our larger stores during the rush hour. The elevator was jarred and the cables groaned. The elevator rose slowly, and as it neared the third floor, a piercing scream caused the operator to stop the car midway. All eyes were focused on a large woman in a short, seal jacket, who wore an injured expression. A small boy, not yet of school age, stood directly behind her. "I did it," he announced truculently. "It was in my face, so I bit it."

So be careful, Boys, take good care of yourselves, drop us a line, and you will hear from us next month.

73,

The Gang.

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1945 Bulletin # 2.

Feb. 25, 1945.

Dear Members:

We cannot slide through the groundhog month without asking the Roman God Februus, whose worship was celebrated by lustrations, to allow us to turn time back, 28 years, to January, 1917, when the MRAC was founded by L. S. Millegas-Baird and other local radio amateurs. It may mean little to the present ham, but the fact remains that our organization has been continually in existence since its inception and has weathered many a storm to lay a foundation which should carry it on for many more years. Our hats are off to the founders and the old timers that have and are making this possible. Hoping that soon our Boys will be back to enjoy our meetings, lectures, banquets, parties and picnics, so, in the meantime, be patient while we quote a little poem:

"There was a young lady from Natchez
Whose garments were covered with patches,
When someone asked why,
She was quick to reply,
Man, when I scratches - I scratches."
Armodier.

(We know of a different ending, or maybe it was another young lady)

The club meeting of Jan. 25th was attended by 16 members and 4 visitors. Nothing of importance happened.

The meeting of Feb. 1st was attended by 17 members, 4 visitors and 7 youngsters. The spurt in attendance was caused by the WERS article appearing in the Journal Green Sheet.

We are in receipt of the January 1945 Dedication Issue of the Cuyahoga Radio Association Bulletin. The MRAC extends its heartiest wishes to the CRA and we hope that your Bulletin will bind Cleveland's hamdom more closely together and also become a link between the gang at home and the Boys in service.

The club meeting of Feb. 8th was attended by 16 members, 4 visitors and 6 youngsters. Mr. Richardson, exW9EBI, formerly of Round Lake, Ill., was one of the visitors. Discussion was had regarding the resumption of code class.

The meeting of Feb. 15th was attended by 16 members, 2 visitors and 6 youngsters. Dick Downing, of Springfield, Mass., a dental student at Marquette University and a carrier current enthusiast, was a visitor. Jack Doyle, W9GPI, Herb Parish, W9CCD, and Ted Hien, W9ACM, were appointed to the code committee. Code class will start soon.

A transport had been sunk and several lifeboats were cruising about the surrounding waters picking up survivors. A completely bald-headed sailor popped up alongside one of the boats. One of the men manning the oars, spotted him and, with a snort of rage, brought down his oar smack on the bald man's pate. "This is no time for fooling," he cried. "Go down and come up straight!"

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The situation on the WERS front is as follows:

Unit # 22 had net control on Jan. 24th. It was without a doubt the most excellent and efficient drill we have had so far. In two hours time, roll was called, 33 messages were sent and 32 received; a total of 94 contacts were made, which averages approximately 1 1/4 minutes per contact. Charles Meyer, W9GVL, acted as operator and Norm Barnes, W9CDY, as logger. Some of the messages were of a technical nature involving radio formulas. Jack Doyle, W9CPI, operator of unit # 10, acquired the monicker "Mr. Wheatstone," due to the nature of the answer to the technical message he received.

The Milwaukee Journal of Feb. 1st featured an article in the Green Sheet by Richard K. Bellamy, entitled "Milwaukee Hams Win Their Way Back on Air." This article was in reference to our War Emergency Radio Service.

Unit # 6 had net control on Jan. 31st. He had to do a lot of relaying, which gave the other boys something to do.

During the test of Monday, Feb. 5th, WHHI # 1, Chicago, and several other WHHI units were heard at various times and with varied intensity.

Feb. 7th test the net was to be controlled by several units using ICW, but some unfortunate incidents caused the experiment to be a flop. Two units operated 1 1/2 hours with their antennas grounded and another of the key stations had transmitter trouble to such an extent that several frequencies were emitted, signal broke, disappeared and as the gang said, in the vernacular, "it stunk."

The Feb. 14th test was devoted to roll call by the three most distant stations, Unit # 12 - Cudahy, Unit # 15 - Greendale and Unit # 17 - Town of Milwaukee, located 6, 7 and 9 miles respectively from the City Hall. The longest stretch being # 15 to # 17, which is 13 2/3 miles. Unit # 12 had a FB signal and was heard by all units.

A little colored boy pulled himself up to the point where he could peer into the stamp window and bought a three-cent stamp. The clerk told him to mail his letter "over there to the left." He moved over to the row of slots, but since he could not read the designations "Local Letters," "Out-of-town," "Air Mail," etc., meant a total of nothing to him. He then went back to the stamp window, climbed up and said, "'Scuse me, mister, but which is the colored hole?"

Communications were received from the following:

Pfc. Carl Schuppel, whose folks dropped a card informing us to send the Bulletin to his home and they will forward it to him.

T/Sgt. Eugene Berens dropped a change of address card. He has been transferred from Nebraska to New Mexico.

Romie Hudzinski, ACRM, W9JPS, phoned us as he passed through this neck of the woods. He has been transferred from an Atlantic aircraft carrier to the West Coast for Pacific sea duty.

E. J. Irving, W9GQO, dropped us a note with a change in address, a report on his eyes that are coming along fine, 73 to the gang, and the following ditty:

"Starkle, starkle little twink,
Who the heck you are I think,
I'm not under the alcofluence of incohol,
Though some thinkle peep I am,
I fool so feelish I don't know who's me yet,
The drunker I set here, the longer I get."

Tech. Obs. Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, wrote from Paris. He particularly likes their methods of keeping warm. Knowing Wendell, as we do, no further explanation is necessary. According to what we gleaned from his letter, his next assignment will probably be somewhere in Italy. In a second letter from Paris, he wrote of his three hobbies, i.e., radio, photography and the kind that call you on the telephone. The latter make the second possible, he explained. Save some "shots" for us, Wendell.

Lt. Elmer Reib, W9RRT, sent a V-mail letter from Italy in which he acknowledges receipt of the Bulletins and sends 73 to the gang. He still passes on the Bulletin to W9RIW, who has been shifted from North Africa to France.

Eugene Mahoney, RM 2/C, W9ZIE, sent a long letter from his amphibian base in California. Jeep's detailed description of his daily routine was enjoyed by the boys.

Cpl. Waldemar Heinrich wrote a V-mail letter giving us a change of address. He has been transferred from Hawaii to the Marianas.

Capt. Walter Laing, W9KVX, dropped us a card with a change of address and 73 to the gang.

S/Sgt Jesse D. Wheaton, wrote a letter to Emil Felber, W9RH. The remarkable fact brought forth in Jesse's letter is that he, located in France, is reorganizing the Northern Wisconsin Wireless Ass'n. of Superior, of which he was the last secretary. Conditions are indeed sad when the hams that still enjoy the safety and comfort of their homes, with good jobs and well paid overtime, while squawking about rationing, cigarette and gasoline shortages, cannot find enough time to keep the old radio club going, so that the Boys will have a live organization to come home to; but let a lad in France shame them by reorganizing his club by remote control. We do not wish to be unfair by picking on the Superior hams, but our remarks apply to all the hams in the U.S. that are still home. Borrowing an expression from Louis Wollaeger, W9ANA, "the damn loafers should take the lead out of their rear ends."

Sgt. Jimmie Wolff, W9CRK, wrote a V-mail letter from Italy. He said that, "the Bulletin is the only contact I have with ham radio and I appreciate it more and more as each Bulletin comes through."

Lt. Louie Wollaeger, USNR, W9ANA, wrote several airmail letters from the SW Pacific, including this service humor:

Said a teacher in Oklahoma: "I wonder if any of you children have Indian blood?" "I have," answered Johnny. "That's very interesting," said teacher, "What tribe?" "Oh," answered Johnny, "It wasn't exactly a tribe, just a wandering Indian."

T/Sgt. G. H. McClaine wrote to Emil Felber, W9RH, from France.

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Sgt. Gil Rink wrote a V-mail letter from Paris acknowledging Bulletin # 12 and sends 73 to the gang.

S/Sgt. Jack Bock, W9KCY, wrote from No. Africa. He received almost all the Bulletins and wrote, "Believe me, they are the berries. In fact, the little gag about 'Mary and her Airplane' took a tour of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations via teletype." He is acquiring a Boyer accent and said to call him "Pepe la Bocko!"

Elmer L. Schultz, RM 1/C, W9ZUX, has been reported as missing in action, during a naval battle, when his destroyer mine sweeper was sunk off the Philippines.

Dan Gellerup of WTMJ, who is an RCA technical engineer with the Bureau of Ships, was reported, in the last Bulletin, as having run across Ray Charney, RT 3/C, "down under." A few weeks ago Dan was in our midst at the weekly Monday luncheon of the radio engrs. & oprs. of WTMJ, WISN, WEMP and WPDK. Dan regaled our ears with his experiences.

Ed. Thornley, one of our club members and WERS operator of Unit # 12, has enlisted in the Navy as RT 3/C, and is at boot camp.

Pfc. John Holmes dropped us an airmail letter from New Caledonia and sends 73 to the gang.

Again in closing we come to our topper-offer, which becomes a difficult task, as we have a vast repertoire of stories, good, bad and indifferent. So hang on to your hats, boys, here goes:

Upon seeing a little girl lead a cow along a country road, the parish minister stopped her and asked:

"Little girl, where are you taking the cow?"

"To the bull," replied the little girl.

"Can't your father do it?" questioned the clergy, somewhat taken aback.

"Nope," answered the young lassie, "only the bull."

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March 25, 1945.

Dear Members:

Occasionally the task of getting out the Bulletin really becomes a task. The Boys are looking for news from the gang, they want some dope on civilian radio developments, they want a lot of jokes, information on the WERS activities, and many other things, some of which we cannot comply with. Don't forget, Boys, we are just hams, our knowledge is limited, we know nothing of journalism and less of other things. So if you will bear with us, we will give you, that which is within our power; and, lest we forget, permit us to quote a little poem:

The morning after
The night before
Our cat came home
At the hour of four;
The innocent look
In her eyes had went,
But the smile on her face,
Was a smile of content.

At the Feb. 22nd club meeting, 17 members and 5 visitors were present. Joe Cohen, W9AXR, one of our out-of-town members, was a visitor. Joe is located in Chicago since his honorable discharge from the army.

The March 1st meeting marked the resumption of our code class. The primary stages are being conducted by Jack Doyle, W9GPI, and Herb. Parish, W9CCD. The club meeting was attended by 21 members and 4 visitors. Lt.(jg) Bill Black, USNR, was a member visitor who dropped in to see us while enroute from Washington, D.C., to the West Coast. Capt. Bob Moser, W9NPS, Army Communication Service, was a visitor and related some of his experiences in Trinidad, Algiers, India, Burma and China. Bob is the possessor of 35 feet of "short snorter" bills, which was quite a sight to see. He made WAC by airplane, which he didn't make with his ham rig.

"I dreamed of you last night, big boy."
"Did I have any luck, baby?"

We received an interesting pamphlet called "The Pathometric Journal" which contained an article by L.S.H. Baird, ex9HO, founder of the MRAC, who is now a Doctor of Chiropractic and also president of the Southern California Pathometric Society. The article is entitled "Electronics for the General Practitioner". Pathometry, according to our slight knowledge of Greek, would literally mean the science of measuring (diagnosis) and treating of disease. In digesting Dr. Baird's article, we find that this is accomplished by the use of electronics and radionics through instruments and apparatus divided into two types, i.e., the extrinsic or original Abrams oscillocast type which utilizes short wave therapy to accomplish its purpose. And the later intrinsic or Wigelsworth Pathoclast type which uses the patient's own radiating energy which is picked up electrically, amplified, thrown out of phase, so that it may be impinged back upon his tissues with corrective effect. There is, of course, a lot more to it than we can

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understand and can herewith give space to, but we mention it mainly to show what a vast field lies ahead of us in radio, and that communication is only a part of it.

Lady (to porter): "Have you a ladies' waiting room?"
Porter: "No, Ma'am. But we got two rooms for ladies who can't wait."

The March 8th meeting was attended by 17 members and 4 visitors. Code class is getting along nicely. The boys are getting primed for a bowling party.

The Milwaukee Journal of March 8th contained the following item: Marine Capt. Reid H. Burrows (W9JWT).....has received a presidential citation for his work on Palau. He operates an island radio transmitting station which was constructed under his supervision....

The March 15th meeting was attended by 14 members and 6 visitors. Lt.(jg) George Pfister, USNR, W9IZQ, home on leave, visited the club and related some of his experiences. Bill Bennet, Seaman USNR, Ti4BB, of San Jose, Costa Rica, was a visitor. He is at present a naval engineering student at Marquette. He gave us a talk on pre-war ham radio in Costa Rica. The boys got quite a kick out of it.

"I think when Bill and I are married we'll go to Bali Bali and see what it's like."
"Don't be silly, it's the same everywhere."

Dan Gellerup, former chief engineer of WTMJ, who since Aug., 1943, has been on leave to the National Research Council and assigned to the Navy's Bureau of Ships, has returned to WTMJ and WMFM as broadcast technical supervisor.

The WERS front is as follows:

On the test of Feb. 21st the net was controlled by portable Unit # 27 which was located on the Gas Company building. They had 82 transmissions, 62 contacts, 13 messages were sent and 13 received.

The Feb. 28th test was controlled by Unit # 2. They had 115 transmissions, 82 contacts, 8 messages sent and 24 received. A somewhat different procedure in message handling was used and proved quite satisfactory.

March 7th, Unit # 21 had net control, using the new procedure, and the system proved very efficient. We did not get the details, but everything clicked nicely.

March 14th, Unit # 17 assumed net control. Although the operator is a new man at the game, he handled the net and the procedure like an old timer.

Two negro soldiers were discussing the relative merits of their company buglers. Said one: "Fellah, when dat boy of ouahs plays pay call, it sounds 'zactly like de Boston Symphony playin' de Rosary." The second colored boy snorted: "Brothah, you ain't got no bugler a-tall, when Snowball jones wraps his lips around that bugle of his'n an' plays mess call. I look down at mah beans, an' I sez, 'Strawberries, behave!' You is kicking de whipped cream out of de plate'."

Communications were received from the following:

T/Sgt. G. H. McClaine, W9OEB, wrote from England. Mac acknowledged receipt of the Bulletin, sends thanks and 73 to the MRAC. He mentioned the ham register of some 30 odd calls from all W districts that he found on the walls of a latrine.

1st Lt. Sid Rose, W9VKC, wrote from India. Sid has been transferred to New Delhi, where he now holds down the job of business manager - assistant editor on the staff of "The Roundup", the official service newspaper of the India Theater of Operations. Good luck to you, Sid, and we will be looking forward to the promised copy.

Mrs. Mildred Wildman, W8PZA, secretary of the Cuyahoga Radio Ass'n., wrote us a nice letter thanking us for our Bulletin and said that they are including us on the CRA mailing list.

Roman Hudzinski, ACRM, USNR, W9JPS, dropped us a change of address card. He is now in a PATSU outfit. In a subsequent letter he mentioned having had a bull session with Comdr. Bill Gainer, W9SO.

Don Merten wrote from Paris. Don spent some time in a hospital in Northern France after a plane crash in which he lost everything he owned. He is now up and about again.

Ed Thornley, S 1/C RT, dropped us several letters from Great Lakes. He's becoming accustomed to Navy life and likes it so far.

Sgt. Jimmy Fischer wrote two V-mail letters from France. Jim sent home a foreign radio as a souvenir. Bulletin # 1 was received and he sends 73 to the gang.

Cpl. Curtis Schultz wrote from Burma. He has also received Bulletin # 1 and sends thanks and 73 to the gang.

Sgt. Bob Kuesel wrote from Assam, India. Bulletin # 1 was received by him. It seems that the mail to India goes through FB.

Capt. Reid Burrows, USMCR, W9JWT, wrote to Emil Felber, W9RH. He stated that on Palau Island the Boys have taken up gardening as a diversion and that the competition is keen. He asked the club members to send along flower and vegetable seeds, for they swap 'em and have quite a time seeing who can grow the best garden. The seed is on the way, Reid.

Carl Rohde, S 1/C RT, W9ROM, dropped us an airmail letter. After 2½ years at Memphis, Tenn., he has been transferred to a light cruiser. He received Bulletin # 1.

Sgt. Gil Rink wrote an airmail letter from France. He sends 73 to the gang and thanks for Bulletin # 1.

Frank Jancarik, RT 3/C, USCG, has been transferred from Florida to a coast guard cutter.

T/4 Ed Strelczyk, W9ANK, wrote a V-mail letter from England.

A soldier home from the battle front, was alone at last with his wife. She was glad and proud to see him in his neat uniform and to notice that he had his Purple Heart on.

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Sgt. Dick Butler wrote from the Philippines. He was in on the D day invasion and said it was very interesting and exciting. He sent along some Japanese invasion money.

Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, wrote to Emil Felber, W9RH, from Italy. He evidentally is coming home, as he said not to write. He didn't like Italy as well as France, but managed to take some snapshots.

Lt. Elmer Heib, W9RRT, dropped us a V-mail letter from Italy in which he stated that he was pleasantly surprised to run into W9SYT. They had a two hour bull session and Elmer said it surely is good to see someone from back home.

Sgt. Bernie Kellner dropped a change of address card from Texas. He wanted the addresses of some of the boys.

Sgt. John Rashinsky wrote an airmail letter from Italy. He received the Bulletin OK and sends 73 to the gang.

M/Sgt. Tom Luitink, W9UIE, dropped us a nice letter explaining his work in an overseas screening, processing and replacement unit, which was moved from California to Texas.

Lt. Louis Wollaeger, USNR, W9ANA, wrote from the Island of Luzon in the Philippines. Louie has collected a lot of airplane and radio junk and his biggest problem is moving the stuff from place to place.

Pfc. Orrin Loch wrote from France. He says that all the stories about "Gay Paree" are true with plenty more added to it. He sent us a copy of the "Stars and Stripes".

And now we offer the following topper-offer, which seems to be a newy: A GI had a two week furlough and wished to take a present home to his girl. He went to a ladies' this and that store and asked for an appropriate article. The pretty clerk suggested some perfume, but our boy friend thought that was too conventional. So the clerk shyly mentioned the newest thing in cosmetics, called "bust rouge", to be applied when wearing a formal evening gown of extreme decolletage. Our hero thought that, that would be just the thing and he would buy some. The clerk asked him what shade he preferred. "Shade?" he queried, "Gosh, I don't know, but what flavors have you got?"

So be careful, Boys, take good care of yourselves, drop us a line and you will hear from us next month.

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THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB, INC.

1945 Bulletin # 4.

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Dear Members:

Spring being with us, everything in nature is straining every effort to grow, which makes so much more marked the frailties and foibles of man. This trend of thought was brought about by a letter, from one of our most consistent writers, from which we quote: Seems from the bulletin that the same fellows write each month. Too bad, because it leaves a lot of them among the unknown quantity as far as whereabouts and other news is concerned, unquote. So, Boys, if you should be one who has received the bulletin, remember your letter will make news and keep the gang informed, and then think of the fellows behind the scenes who gather the news, write it up, intersperse it with corny jokes, runn off the copies, supply the paper, address the envelopes, keep the addresses up to date, fold and insert the bulletin, stick shut the envelopes, all for the fabulous sum of free, for nothing, gratis. We enjoy doing it, Boys, but please drop us a line, even if you tell us to g.t.h., for then we at least would know that you are alive and kicking, receiving our small effort and giving us a chance to check your address. So, with that plea, we will slide into a little poem:

Ah, Spring-
Da boid is on da wing.
My Woid!
How absoid!
I t'ought da wing
Was on da boid.
(N.W.Airlines)

The club meeting of March 22nd was attended by 21 members and 8 visitors. The code class is progressing nicely. The bowling party date was set and committee appointed.

The club meeting of March 29th was attended by 18 members and 6 visitors and that of April 5th by 15 members and 8 visitors. Ed. Thornley, S 1/C (RT) finished his boot training at Great Lakes and was a visiting member.

Mother(entering room unexpectedly): "Well, I never."
Daughter: "Oh, Mother, you must have."

The local Electric Company has received permission to build a FM shortwave transmitter, the site being 17 miles SW of the city and the call letters that were assigned are WBQM, WQHL and WQHK. This station, which will be automatic, will be used to dispatch some 20 odd service trucks throughout the county.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel files of 25 years ago, we quote the following: London - Interruptions of the Marconi wireless instruments by mysterious undecipherable signals, felt with equal intensity in New York and London, may be the attempt of inhabitants of another planet to contact the earth, it is believed.

Have you heard of the snake that was so poor that he didn't have a pit to hiss in?

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The meeting of April 12th was attended by 11 members and 7 visitors. Carl Rohde, S 1/C (RT), W9ROM, home on furlough, was a visiting member. Silent tribute was paid to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who passed away today.

Elmer L. Schultz, RM 1/C, W9ZUX, previously reported as missing, was killed in action in Lingayen Gulf, Philippine Islands on January 6, 1945. A letter of condolence was sent to his parents.

Norbert Kelly, CRM, W9JWN, was home on furlough. He has spent 4 years on the Pacific as radio operator on the cruisers Chicago and Indianapolis, the destroyer tender Cascade and the battleship New Jersey. While on these ships, they participated in the battles of the Coral Sea, Savoy Island, Gilberts, Marianas and the first battle of the Philippine Sea. His last assignment was on the Navy transport William Ward Burrows at Guam. Norb has now been transferred, to take a course at a Naval School in Detroit.

Then there is the story of the fellow who shaved and dolled up to go to the Monday radio luncheon, at the Boston Store, only to find that he had to call it off, for he had taken a sedative instead of a vitamin pill, with the result that he could hardly get his clothes off in time and get back to bed, to snooze the rest of the day. Is my face red!

Husband (answering telephone): "I don't know. Call the weather bureau."
Pretty Young Wife: "Who was that?"
Husband: "Some sailor, I guess. He asked if the coast was clear."

The MRAC Bowling Party was held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Caspar Glass Alleys, 25th and Galena Streets. A total of 33 were present, made up of 10 club members and their wives, 5 stags and 4 visiting couples. Emil Felber, W9RH, and Clarence Burke of the committee took care of the eats and refreshments which consisted of wieners, raw beef and onions, cheese and cold cuts and a half barrel of beer. Clarence Crapo, W9VD, and Clarence Burke snapped a lot of pictures. The bowling on four alleys was high-lighted by the feud between Charlie Meyer, W9GVL, Johnny Scarvaci, W9GIL, and Doc Rosenbaum, exW9GHN. Charlie gave up a winning streak at cards to bowl a phooey 95. Some of the club's "spirit" members were present, such as George Ruger, W9VWG, and Herb Reinke, W9ESO. Our friend and staunch out-of-town member, Walter Stromberg, W9DC, came up from Lake Geneva and had a wonderful time, especially at sheepshead, with his old cronies. Al Krones, W9UIT, "the Shadow" was caught dancing with one of the young ladies to the sweet tunes of a juke box. Will wonders never cease? On account of the midnight closing curfew, the drinking tempo had to be stepped up during the last hour in order to kill the half barrel. Herb Parish, W9CCD, naively asked, "What became of all the beer?"

We are planning another bowling party for next fall when we will expect more of the gang and have a spot with more alleys.

Did you hear about the truck driver who tried to avoid a child and fell out of bed?

The April 19th club meeting was attended by 17 members and 7 visitors. Mr. Bauer, exW8AJX, formerly of Conneautville, Pa., and now connected with Allis Chalmers, was a visitor.

Maisie was in a pub having a beer when an English friend of hers walked in.

"Aye say, Maisie, are you 'aving one?"

"No, it's just the cut of my coat."

The WERS activities show that the Gang is getting quite proficient in procedure and message handling. The greatest difficulty is to get the various operators to report for drill. Out of approximately 100 holders of operator permits, only 25 report regularly for drill. We are aware that many cannot make every drill period, but believe it or not, many have never seen one of our rigs, wouldn't know how to "crank her up" and don't know where they are located, besides knowing nothing of procedure and message handling. We bet the Boys in service would be only too glad to give up their "K", "C" and "10 in 1" rations to be able to be home and have the privilege to operate a WERS rig.

On March 21st, the net was controlled by Unit 5 who reported 132 contacts, 6 messages sent and 51 received. They displayed a snappy example of procedure and efficient message handling.

The telephone operator wasn't so sure what the repairman meant when he said her troubles were due to dirty contacts.

The net was controlled by Unit 14 on March 28th. The second operator did the honors while the chief operator logged. This was purposely requested by the radio aide in order to have the less experienced men "get the feel" of things. The net was slowed up, but efficiently handled, proving that a solid foundation has been laid.

April 4th, the net was controlled by Unit 27 who was located on the Gas Company Bldg. They logged 120 contacts, 5 messages sent and 38 received. It was a well conducted drill. The high-light of the evening being the erection of a temporary J antenna, shortly before drill started, while a 70 mile gale was blowing.

News: Hydrant Breaks and Wets Dog.

Unit 4 had control of the net on April 11th and reported 116 contacts, 4 messages sent and 40 received. Everything clicked as usual, through bad receiver squeal QRM.

Unit 3, the jinx unit with a curse on it, had control of the net on April 18th, and in order not to disappoint the boys, something happened to their rig. Their signal broke, the carrier alternatingly went on and off and they couldn't carry on. Unit 9 was contacted, after three quarters of an hour of the drill time had slipped away, during which time the net was open for testing, and assumed control. Roll was called and a message to all units was sent relative to receiver radiation. Each unit after acknowledging message was requested to turn off their receiver for one minute in order to give the balance of the units a chance to note if the cleared unit had been causing the trouble. In the meantime, Unit 3 located their trouble, up on the roof - feeders twisted and shorting out.

Bob Hope sez: A sailor is an old seadog that had to have his tail clipped so he could get into his pants.

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Communications were received from the following:

Capt. Reid Burrows, USMCR, W9JWT, wrote from Palau. He received Bulletins 11 and 12 and read them so much that he knows what we guys are doing by heart. Reid had a bull session with our old friend W9ERS from Appleton, now Comdr. Harold Reiss, USNR. Hal read our bulletins from 1 to 12 inclusive, from stem to stern, with many ohs, ahs, and chuckles.

Capt. Fred Seifert, Signal Corps, exW9EFX, wrote from Red Bank, N. J. He enjoys receiving the bulletins and mentioned that "Joe" Clayton Senneff, exW9KWV, dropped in to his office on business. Joe and Fred send 73 to the gang.

Lt. Louis Wollaeger, USNR, W9ANA, wrote several letters from Luzon. His junk pile has reached such proportions that he will require an LST in order to get the stuff home. Louie's latest hard luck was to get his hands mixed up with some kind of poison ivy.

1st Lt. Sid Rose, W9VKC, wrote from New Delhi, India. He received the February bulletin and said that his new job makes the time pass pretty fast. He sent us a copy of the "Roundup" which is a real paper, the best service paper we've seen so far. A second letter acknowledged receipt of bulletin # 3.

T/Sgt. Bob Riedel, W9FQO, wrote from New Guinea. Must be quite a difference after your 18 month hitch in Alaska, eh, Bob?

Sgt. Jimmie Wolff, W9CRK, who is in a bomber group in Italy, had his mail returned to us, stamped "missing". We hope Jim had a chance to get to safety and that we will hear from him soon.

Romie Hudzinski, ACRM, W9JPS, dropped us an Easter card. A note was received just before we went to press in which Romie said that he would have written sooner, but he thought that he might have a change in address, but nothing happened.

Comdr. Fred Catel, USNR, W9DTK, wrote from NPM, Hawaiian Islands and his letter took but four days. He sent along a nice picture of a young lady wearing a grass skirt and challenges Wendell Ciganek to duplicate it. Fred sends thanks for bulletins 1 and 2 and 73 to the gang. He also has sent two copies of "The Growler". In a subsequent letter, Fred gave us some radio high-lights which made us gasp.

A man visiting Washington Park Zoo was watching the monkeys and noticed that one, when thrown a peanut, would pick it up, place it somewhere and then eat it. The man threw in many peanuts and always the monkey would do the same thing. This aroused the man's curiosity and he wondered why the monkey went through the same procedure with each peanut, so he asked an attendant if this peculiarity could be explained. The attendant told him that several weeks before, a lady threw in a peach which the simian ate, but inadvertently swallwed the pit. So now, the monkey, having become wise through experience, measured everything "for size" before he ate it.

Pfc. John Holmes dropped us a line from "down under" and stated that he has received all the bulletins. He is stationed at Amberly Field and asked about any of our Boys in that neighborhood. No luck, John, they are all elsewhere.

Pvt. Paul Ripple wrote us a note from France. He was stationed at Versailles and is sorry that he missed Wendell Ciganek. Too bad you boys can't have a sort of a "ham detector" which, being sensitized to hams, would turn on a light, buzz a buzzer and let you know if a brother Milwaukeean was in the vicinity.

Sgt. Gil Rink dropped a V-mail letter from Paris. He received Bulletin # 2 and sends thanks and 73 to the gang. A second Airmail letter was received from Gil acknowledging Bulletin # 3.

S/Sgt. Jesse Wheaton wrote a long V-mail letter from France. Jess had more typed on a V-mail letter than we have ever seen. Sure glad to hear from you OM and glad you liked our Bulletin.

Sgt. Richard Butler, wrote an air mail letter from the Philippines. He had spent quite a time on the Admiralty Islands and was sorry that he didn't know about Louis Wollaeger being there, for he would have looked him up. Look for him on Luzon now "Butts".

S/Sgt. John Rashinsky, wrote from Italy. He received Bulletin # 3 and got a kick out of our WERS illustrated supplement. He told us of an exciting experience he had up at 20,000 ft. - I'll take terra firma, John, plus the 'chutes.

Sgt. Frank Petzek, wrote from Kansas. Between standing watch on Radio Flight line maintenance, experi ments and school three times a week, Frank is kept pretty busy.

Ed Thornley, S 1/C (RT), wrote from Chicago. Ed has been assigned to the Hugh Manley Pre Radio School and he is looking forward to the next bulletin for some news from the home front.

Sgt. Bernard Kellner dropped us a change of address card. He has been transferred from Texas to California.

Art Kaufman, W9UMP, dropped us a note from Florida. He has been receiving our bulletins and sends thanks and 73 to the gang. Art spent a lot of time in the ETO and now is flight testing equipment in B 17's. He accidentally ran across Lt. R. A. Kunath, W9LQV, and they had a bull session.

Lt. Art. Trautmann, Air Corps, W9KFB, wrote from England, where he has been stationed for over a year. He has received all the bulletins and sends 73 to the gang. He is going to send us a British Amateur Handbook. We'll be looking for it, Art.

Before signing off, we again wish to call attention to the fact that we would like to receive more letters from the Boys. One hundred copies of the Bulletin are sent out each month, but only 19 took the trouble to write in the past month, of which 6 wrote from 2 to 4 letters each. How about the other 81? Twenty have written but once or twice in the past 12 to 16 months. So buck up, fellows, don't shove it off, just a note, please. Summer is coming and soon the MRAC will vacation until Fall and news will be scarcer than hen's teeth, so how's about helping out, gang?

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This, the longest Bulletin so far, must come to an end, and as we always conclude in a certain way, we will tender the following little topper-offer for your pleasure:

"Really, Jack, you mustn't!"
"Quit your squawking, I know what I'm doing."
"But, if someone should see us - Jack?"
"Aw, can it! This old road hasn't been used this year."
"But, I can't take a chance, Honey - everyone knows us and someone may see us!"
"Well, of all the scaredy cats! You're the worst! Now shut up!"
"Jack, darling, don't talk to me like that and please don't!"
"Now if you will keep quiet for just ten minutes, I'll be through and we'll have enough wild grapes to make ten gallons and nobody is going to see us."

So be careful, Boys, take good care of yourselves, drop us a line, and you will hear from us next month.

73,

The Gang.

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May 25, 1945.

Dear Members:

You didn't miss a thing this past month, Boys, as far as the weather was concerned. It was cold enough to freeze the proverbial appendages off of a cast iron - well, it was darn cold, to say the least. So to get into a different mood, we quote the following poem:

Mary had a little dress,
Dainty, chic and airy;
It didn't show the dirt a bit,
But, gosh, how it showed Mary.

The April 26th meeting was attended by 18 members and 9 visitors. Visiting members were Lt. George Pfister, USNR, W9IZQ, who, after 34 months at Corpus Christi, has a short leave before being a ssigned to sea duty; and Don Merten, who dropped in before going to Minneapolis on army business.

The Milwaukee Journal Green Sheet reported the death in London of Sir Ambrose Fleming at the age of 95 and recalls that his work back at the turn of the century gave a start to the many developments from which has grown the modern radio vacuum tube. Using Edison's discoveries, Sir Ambrose by adding a metal plate to a filament heated glass bulb, found it could be made to detect radio signals. This device became known as the "Fleming Valve". (The editor is the proud possessor of one of these "valves".)

The meeting of May 3rd was attended by 19 members and 8 visitors. Club member Russell Burss, W9RKP, who, after having been civilian radio instructor at Truax Field for 1½ years, and the same at Scott Field for another 1½ years, is back again in our midst. Ted Lively, W900L, formerly of Des Moines, Ia., was a visitor, and is now located in Milwaukee. Bill Baumann of Unit # 9, Wauwatosa, was a visitor, as was also Herb. Heimann, engineer with the Heil Co.

The Milwaukee Sentinel reports that tests to determine whether the roof of the courthouse is the best location for the antenna of the three-way FM radio system, to be purchased for the sheriff's department, are to be made soon by the Motorola Corp.

The meeting of May 10th was attended by 25 members and 8 visitors. Travis Baird, formerly of Milwaukee, was one of the visitors. He is connected with the Bureau of Ships and is on his way to the West Indies.

A new radio station, using both FM and AM, proposes to operate in Milwaukee, will be a $160,000 project. The tower and studios will be in downtown Milwaukee, but the exact site has not yet been determined. Application was filed with the FCC.

Suzie thought her boy friend was going to take her to Miami, but he only went to Tampa with her.

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M/Sgt. Lester Gerlach, W9UPM, was home on a furlough and dropped in to see us. He is on his way to New Guinea.

The meeting of May 17th surely hit the attendance record this year, 25 members and 14 visitors were present. Too bad the season is coming to an end. Irving Jackson, W9CID, one of our members and also WERS operator of unit # 4, many years on the Milwaukee Police Department, has been promoted to Patrol Sergeant.

Mandy was a faithful and excellent cook. One morning she had a terrific pain in her rotund and ample tummy. Her mistress called the family physician. He examined Mandy and then said:

"Mandy, I want to send you to the hospital and have you X-rayed, so that I can tell just what's the matter with you."
"No, sah, Mistah Doctah, yo'all ain't gonna X-ray me!"
"Have you ever been X-rayed before, Mandy?"
"No sah, but I'se been ultra-violated."

Some of our members have been vague on the status of Amateur Licenses in view of the several rulings put out by the FCC since Dec. 7, 1941. To clear up any doubts, we print a resume of these rulings. (Numbers 115 and 115A)

1. If the expiration date of your operator's license was prior to Dec. 7, 1941, you are unlicensed.
2. If the original date of expiration was between Dec. 7, 1941, and Dec. 7, 1942, your license will expire four years from date of expiration.
3. If the original date of expiration was between Dec. 7, 1942, and Dec. 7, 1944, the new date of expiration is three years from original date of expiration.
4. If your license was issued between Dec. 7, 1941, and Dec. 7, 1942, the expiration date is four years from date of issuance.

(Remember - the date shown on your license is the date of issuance, not the expiration date.)

Which reminds us to ask, "What did the calf say to the cow?"
"Shoot the udder to me, mudder."
And a little later he mumbled, "And the udder udder to me brudder, mudder."

The WERS drills show the following:

April 25th, Unit 3 took over net control and managed to keep the jinx away long enough to conduct an efficient drill.

May 2nd, Unit 3 again had control of the net. Several of the units were caught on some trick messages. The control operator's sense of humor was enjoyed, especially when we discovered that he was without an assistant or logger.

On May 9th, net control was handled by Unit 12. It was well handled, but pretty slow, as the operator was too polite and lacked the snap of the old timers, gained through constant drilling over a long period. Unit 11 made its debut, but will need a lot of sprucing up on receiver and transmitter, for it will have the longest haul, being located in South Milwaukee.

President Truman disbanded the Office of Civilian Defense, of which the WERS is a branch. It, evidently, will not affect the WERS, as the FCC is going right ahead in the renewal of our license.

The May 16th test was conducted by various units. Firstly, Unit 10 called the roll. Unit # 1 picked it up from there to transmit a long message to all units regarding the Army Air Show, to be held at Billy Mitchell Field, May 19th and 20th, and the participation therein of our WERS set-up, to assist the Sheriffs Department in traffic control.

The mountaineer walked into the doctor's office and told the doctor that he wanted him to see what he could do about patching up his son-in-law's ear, saying, "I shot a hole in it yesterday." The doctor reprimanded him severely----- the idea of shooting his son-in-law. The mountaineer replied, "Well, you see, he wasn't my son-in-law yesterday."

Communications were received from the following:

T/Sgt. Bob Riedel, W9FQO, wrote a note to give us a change of address. Bob has been transferred to the Dutch East Indies.

M/Sgt. Lester Gerlach, W9UPM, wrote from Fort Monmouth that after several years of instructing he is being given overseas training and expects to shove off for some place soon.

Norb. Kelly, CRM, W9JWN, wrote from Dearborn, Mich., and states that the course is pretty tough.

Lt. Louis Wollaeger, USNR, W9ANA, wrote several Air Mail letters from the Philippines. He wrote that the islands have been sprayed with DDT and the mosquitos have been repelled, but the ants are bothersome during the night. Day times it is a good place to dehydrate, and Louie's waist is down to 32".

Capt. Reid Burrows, USMCR, W9JWT, wrote from "Rust Haven" Palau Island. He sends thanks for Bulletin # 3 and for all the contributions of seeds from GIL, GVL, GPI, RH, HRM, HPZ and IZO. Reid wants to know what kind of a hint GVL meant by sending asparagus seeds. He has planted them, but he'll be damned if he will wait two years until they mature. A second letter was received in which he again thanks for the seed.

S/Sgt. Jesse Wheaton wrote a V-mail letter from France. He received Bulletin 3 with illustrated supplement and the beer pictures got the best of him.

Lt. Pasquale Eannelli, W4HNP, wrote a V-mail letter from France. Pat also received Bulletin 3 with supplement and it surely made him lonesome for Amateur Radio and the club meetings.

Sgt. Don Hayner, wrote a V-mail letter from Southern Italy. Don seems to be lonesome for the West Allis gang.

A little city boy was telling his cousin about his first visit to the farm. "You should have seen the pig," he said. "It was in a pen with a lot of little ones, and seemed to be afraid of them, for they chased her all over. Finally, it got tired and fell down - and then the little ones jumped on and chewed all the buttons off its vest."

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Elmer Ash, W9ESE, dropped us a card from Port Washington. He forwards his copy of the Bulletin to Howard Liebenstein, a civilian navy worker in the Hawaiian Islands. Elmer is still at WAD.

"Joe" Clayton Senneff, exW9KWV, dropped us a letter from New York. Joe is still with Allen Bradley and it's 10 years ago that he left Milwaukee for the Big City. He's married, has a 3 year old daughter and purchased a house in Scarsdale, N.Y., last June. The house is on "Breakneck Hill" and has a promising radio outlook.

Lt. William Crouch, USNR, ex-9BDD, 1921-24, wrote us a letter from Washington, D.C. Bill and the editor were co-workers at the American Appraisal Co. He is now in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts of the Navy Dept., Contract Termination Branch. Back in the spark days, Bill also was one of the operators of the Waukesha Amateur Radio Club's station 9ATX. He wrote "I sure enjoy your bulletins - the jokes are really good - keep me on the mailing list."

Dr. L. S. H. Baird, ex9HO, dropped us a line from Los Angeles. He enjoys getting the Bulletin every month and reading of what the boys are doing in this war.

Sgt. Harvey McDonnell, wrote a note from Germany and sent thanks for the Bulletins. He also sent a letter to Emil Felber, W9RII.

Leroy Spanheimer, ART 1/C, exW9AFW, dropped us a line from Florida to let us know that he enjoys the Bulletin. Spanie says, "The only exciting thing was the arrival of a daughter in March." He also sent along the following, called "Patience":

Please don't ask me to marry you yet,
Mother would have a fit.
Besides it was only today we met,
Can't you be patient a bit?

You know how people talk about things,
I mean if they're in good taste.
Besides I don't think a boy, if he's nice,
Would marry a girl in such haste.

I will wed you tomorrow, my love, if you like
And share the same toothbrush and comb,
But if you keep teasing me, darling, tonight,
I'll get up, get dressed, and go home.

Lt. Sid Rose, W9VKC, on the staff of the "Roundup" has been regularly sending us their "fishwrapper". S/Sgt. Karl Peterson's story, May 3rd issue, regarding the moving of the editorial offices from Delhi's Queensway Pentagon to the gloomy vastness of Canning Road Barracks, hit our funny bone and we derived quite a kick out of it, especially the junk they discovered when they cleaned out.

Comdr. Fred Catel, USNR, W9DTK, wrote a swell letter from Hawaii just before leaving for his new assignment. Fred will be Staff Communication officer on Peleliu, Palau Island. We bet he and Reid Burrows will have many a bull session.

Lest we forget, Reid Burrows sent in the following squib: Two girls stepped aboard a troop train by mistake. One got excited and jumped off immediately. The other girl remained calm and collected.

T/Sgt. G. H. MacClain, W9OEB, wrote from England. He received all the Bulletins and sends thanks and 73 to the Gang. Mac writes that the RSGB has a post-war policy which asks for 150 watts input for our G friends instead of the pre-war 25 watts. They are also asking for all the existing bands back as well as a band between 21-22 MC.

Romie Rudzinski, ACRM, USNR, W9JPS, dropped a note to inform us of a change in address. He wishes to be remembered to the Gang.

Since some of the Hams are not always in the mood for jokes or poems, it is no more than fair to occasionally go from the ridiculous to the sublime, so please bear with us as we quote from the Fallacies of Zeno, a famous Greek philosopher of the 5th Century B.C. and a pupil of Parmenides. He went to Athens in his 40th year, where he lived for many years. He is especially noted for his arguments designed to prove the inconceivability of motion. One of them was to the effect that:

Since an arrow cannot move where it is not, and since it cannot move in the space which it exactly fills, it must follow that it cannot move at all! At each instant a flying arrow occupies a fixed position, but because it occupies a fixed position at any given instant, that meant that it was then at rest!! Ergo, the arrow is at rest at every instant of its flight and, therefore, cannot be in motion!!! (Do you still follow us, fellows?)

Zeno claimed that the idea of motion was inconceivable, because, what moves must reach the middle of its course before it reaches the end. Therefore, the assumption of motion presupposes another motion and that another and so on ad infinitum. The great English mathematician, Augustus de Morgan, expressed the idea biologically and amusingly as follows:

"Great fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em,

And little fleas have lesser fleas, and so, ad infinitum;

And the great fleas themselves, in turn, have greater fleas to go on.

While these have greater still, and greater still, and so on."

Zeno's paradox concerning Achilles and the Tortoise was as follows: Achilles ran ten times as fast as the tortoise and gave him a 1,000 yards handicap in a 10,000 yard race, and could never pass him, because when Achilles had run 1,000 yards, the tortoise had done 100 and was ahead that much; and when Achilles had completed the 100 yards, his opponent was still 10 yards ahead of him, and so it went, ad infinitum!!! (Read it over again, Boys, it's not as foolish as it sounds.)

Cpl. John Holmes dropped us an Air Mail from Australia and mentioned the swell 50¢ steak dinners they get down there. He sends 73 to the gang and thanks for the Bulletin and pictorial supplement.

Sgt. Gil Rink, wrote an Air Mail letter from Paris. He sent along a little poem, "Oh! For the Life of Rosie." The Boys got quite a kick out of it. Sorry we can't quote it, but someone spoiled it by tearing off a piece at the end of the paper. 'Sto bad.

Two Skunks went to church and sat in their own pew.

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Attention Gang: As history is being made and the war activities are constantly shifting the picture, it is imperative that you keep us informed as to your change of address. As soon as you know that you will be transferred, drop us a line and give your new address or tell us to hold your mail, thereby relieving the APO and FPO of unnecessary work and delay in your mail. You can then notify us when you are sure of your address or give us your home address and have your folks forward it.

We close with the following topper-offer:

Lord Archie and Lady Esther were enjoying the first night of their honeymoon, unaccompanied by the gentleman's gentleman or the lady's maid. They finally were alone in their matrimonial chambers and, being but human, partook of the connubial pleasures and enjoyed the elexir of life. The next morning as Lord Archie was drawing his bath, lady Esther called to him, "I say there, Lord Archie, do the commoners partake of such delicious excursions as ours was last night?" "Yes, my dear Lady Esther, I believe they do," replied the Lord. "My word," answered Lady Esther, "such ecstatic delicacies are much too fine to be enjoyed by the common people."

So be careful, Boys, take good care of yourselves, drop us a line, and you will hear from us next month.

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Dear Members:

Vacation time is here again although according to the weather that we have been having, no one would notice it. It has, of course, brought our club meetings to an end and the ensuing season will begin with our first meeting on Sept. 6th. In the meantime, ye Bulletin will carry on as best it can, and lest we get out of practice, we will render a little poem:

She reached below her dimpled knee
Into her rolled-down stocking,
And there she found a roll of bills;
Ah, me; 'twas sweetly shocking!
"Why don't you keep it in a bank?"
Inquired a nosey prier,
"The principal is the same," she said,
"But the interest here is higher."

The May 24th meeting showed a good attendance with 26 members and 10 visitors present. After the regular business, the election of a new Board of Directors took place. The following are on the new Board: Scarvaci, Meyer, Doyle, Gettelman, N. Barnes, Koenig, Jackson & Kreis. The Directors in short session elected the new officers for the 1945-46 season with John Scarvaci, W9GIL, president, Ralph Koenig, W9RUF, vice president, Emil Felber, W9RH, treasurer and Erv. Kreis, W9HRM, secretary.

The May 31st meeting was attended by 35 members and 3 visitors. Installation of Officers took place and Clarence Crapo, W9VD, snapped a group picture of the gang. We adjourned before 9 P.M. and a caravan of cars proceeded westward to Gettelman's Rathskeller for our "end of the season" party. The refreshment committee, consisting of Charles Meyer, W9GVL, with John Scarvaci, W9GIL, and Clarence Burke as assistants, provided the eats, which consisted of Wieners on buns, plenty of them, too; olives, assorted pickles, those big juicy Bermuda onions, potato chips, etc. Due to the fact that the racing ban was lifted, Crosby's horses are running again, so that the chopped raw beef was not procurable. Tommy had plenty of beer on hand and the committee did not forget the Boys that go for the "strong stuff" and an ample supply of Root Beer was available.

Out of a clear sky, and for no apparent reason, the committee officially proclaimed the party as "Erv Kreis' Night". The honor bestowed upon the scribe was greatly appreciated and, after explanations, it was found that the gang wanted, in this manner, to recognize the work the secretary-editor did in getting out the Bulletin. I wish to thank the follows and my only hope is to bring a little club, WERS and radio news to the Gang, coupled with dope on the Boys, corny jokes and nutty poems, and that I will be able to keep it up until the Boys are back.

The surprise of the evening was a recording that Jack Doyle, W9GPI, made over 5 years ago of a QSO on ten meters with Ray Peschek, W9LJU, unbeknownst to the latter. Ray's offsides to his kid were really funny. Bruno Plitzko, W9LAD, had his portable radio-phonograph on the job with soft music which blasted the Boys, in close proximity, out of a week's sleep.

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Our old stand-by, Walter Stromberg, W9DC, of Lake Geneva, was among the missing. It must have been terribly important to keep Walt away, and the Boys had pockets loaded with change, too, but the heated sheepshead game went on just the same.

A backwoodswoman, the soles of whose feet had been toughened by a lifetime of shoelessness, was standing in front of her cabin fireplace one day, when her husband addressed her:

"You'd better move your foot a mite maw, you're standing on a live coal."
Said she, nonchalantly: "Which foot, paw?"

Vital statistics show that Lester Koile, exW9CZX, became the proud papa of a baby girl on May 1st.

The FCC has outlined three alternative plans for the shifting of the FM and television bands. First, FM 50-68 MC, television 68-108 MC. Second, Inserts FM at 68 - 86 MC with television 44 - 104 MC. Third, FM 84 - 108 MC, television 44 - 84 MC, somewhere within this 44 - 108 MC range of 64 MC would be 2 MC for facsimile, 4 for amateurs and 4 for non govt. fixed or mobile operation. Clarification is expected by Fall.

Television Braodcasters Ass'n. and FM Broadcasters, Inc. are submitting similar proposals to the FCC in the hope that they may clear the atmosphere for future band assignments. They have stated that of the three alternative plans the first would be acceptable. This would place FM from 50 - 68 MC. and television with 68 - 108 MC.

The FCC has announced an earlier than expected decision on final allocations of frequencies of television, FM and other radio services. The hearing will start June 22nd.

Highway Radio, Inc. has filed application with the FCC for nationwide radio control of commercial trucking. The company has asked authority to construct a station in Chicago to experiment with motor vehicles moving within a 40 to 80 mile radius of the transmitter. The application specified 250 watt FM station on 42,000 KC for fixed station and 30 watt FM portable mobile units on 39,140 KC.

The CNW RR is conducting experiments with high frequency radio in the Milwaukee yards between yardmaster and three equipped Diesel switch engines. Bendix equipment is being used on frequencies between 156 and 162 MC, 20 to 25 miles is the estimated range. Tests from engine to caboose will be tried, on the Chicago-Council Bluffs run, next month. This is radio and is not to be confused with the PRR and Milwaukee Road inductive communication system.

The Wisconsin State Conservation Commission arranged to cooperate with traffic enforcement officers in setting up two-way FM radio facilities to improve forest fire control and highway safety. Stations maintaining 24 hour watch will be operated at Hayward and Tomahawk. Fire patrol and highway safety patrol cars and some forest fire fighting trucks will be equipped with two-way sets at a cost of about $500 each.

The FCC has approved 90 day tests for the installation of a three-way radio system for the sheriff's department. The Calvin (Motorola) Mfg. Co. will install the test apparatus.

The Wisconsin assembly education committee gave unanimous approval to a bill to establish a state FM educational radio network. The sum of $72,595 has been appropriated for construction, operation and maintenance. The radio council of the University of Wisconsin hopes to locate FM stations at Superior, Wausau, Madison, Eau Claire, Appleton, La Crosse and Milwaukee.

We think it is apropos to quote Jimmie Durante at this time: "Everybody is trying to get into the act."

Did you know that the first recorded use of the word "broadcast" to describe a radio service was in 1919 when Dr. Frank Conrad promised such a series to radio amateurs?

"Rastus, are you sure you never got any liquor from Ephraham's place?"
"No Suh!"
"Did you ever get anything from his son, Mose?"
"No Suh, Boss, Ah sho' didn't."
"Well, how about his daughter, Mandy? Did you ever get anything from her?"
"Mistah Lawyah, duz yo' all means likker?"

The highlights of the WERS activities for the past month was the group's participation in the Sheriff Department's traffic handling problem at the Army Air Show, Billy Mitchell Field, May 19th and 20th, 1945.

The control station was located in the control tower of the Administration Building with the Sheriff watching the traffic through binoculars and issuing orders to our two control operators and logger, who, in turn, dispatched these orders to eight portable mobile units located at main highway intersections and strategic traffic points and two portables in motorcycle side cars. Fixed units 12 - Cudahy, 4 - Bay View, 15 - Greendale and 3 - 3rd District Station were standing by during the entire period.

Saturday, the crowd was relatively small, with only about 4,000 cars and 15,000 people attending. But, Sunday, after a forenoon of rain and very threatening weather, a tremendous crowd showed up, estimated at 125,000 with approximately 20,000 automobiles.

A resume' of the radio traffic handled on Sunday during 3½ hours of operation showed the following:

12 - WERS service msgs.
11 - Unit location & transfer msgs.
1 - msg lost child
6 - msgs official escort
4 - msgs regarding ambulances.
5 - msgs auto accidents
3 - msgs traffic snarls.
1 - msg injured child.
5 - msgs location of Sheriff's personnel
4 - msgs auto breakdowns & requests for tow truck
4 - msgs airport control
117 - msgs traffic control
173 - total msgs handled.

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All the previous time spent on drills proved its worth for the net was handled like an old established service that performed things of this sort every day. Quoting from Sheriff George Manley's individual letter to all participating personnel, "The handling of your radio equipment was conclusively demonstrated that you can meet almost any emergency." The entire congested traffic was cleared in 45 minutes after the show was over.

Clarence Crapo, W9VD, the club's photographer, took pictures of all units, missing only yours truly with unit 28 in a motorcycle, and deliberately running away from the cute buxom control tower lassie with the yellow sweater and blue silk slacks, that covered a curvaceous figure whose good points were quite obvious. Too bad, for that would have been something for posterity.

"Mose, when in yoah life wuz yo' all skeered de wust?"
"Wunce, when Ah wuz visitin' a mahried gal an' hur husban' kum in an' caught me. Boy, Ah sho' was skeered, Rastus!"
"How yo' all suah dat wuz de wustest yo' all evah bin skeered?"
"Cose dat husban' turn to dat wife ob his'n an he say: 'Lily, wha's dis white man doin' heah'?"

The drill of May 23rd was controlled by Unit 1 who called the roll and then declared the net free for test purposes.

May 30th being Memorial Day, no regular drill was scheduled, but some of the Boys were on the air testing.

June 6th, Unit 2 controlled the net. The surprise of the evening was to hear Wendell Ciganek operating portable mobile Unit 18.

June 13th, Unit 17 was to have control, but due to equipment failure the radio aide declared a free net with fixed units concentrating on portable mobile units.

The radio aide has informed us that the renewal of the WERS license was received from the FCC for the fiscal year 1945-46. Permission was granted for additional units. Fixed units will be numbered 1 to 23 inclusive, portable mobile units 24 to 43 inclusive and portable units 44 to 53 inclusive. This gives us 24 more units than we had before.

"Thank you so much," said a woman to the man who had given her his seat in a street car. "That was very kind of you."
"Not at all, ma'am, not at all," protested the man. "I know some men don't give up their seats to anyone except pretty girls, but looks don't make any difference to me."

Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, came home June 6th after spending 6 months overseas. He must report back to Boston the early part of July. Wendell was busy relating his European experiences to the Boys that dropped into Central Radio Parts and in between was trying to make out his "swindle-sheet". He thinks that he will be sent to the other side of the world this time, and, if so, will for once and all settle the vertical versus horizontal controversy.

Many things are blamed on the stork, which should rightly be attributed to a lark.

Communications were received from the following:

Dr. LS.H. Baird, ex9HO, dropped us a card from Los Angeles.

Lt.(jg) Bill Black, USNR, wrote a letter from the Philippines, giving his new address.

T/4 Ed. Strelczyk, W9ANK, wrote a V-mail letter from England.

Sgt. Don Hayner wrote a V-mail letter from Bari, Italy.

Bernie Philippsen, W9CRG, wrote a letter from Chicago. Bernie passed along a story, but we are sorry that we cannot repeat it.

Lt. Louis Wollaeger, USNR, W9ANA, wrote several letters from Luzon. In one he mentions that Lt.(jg) Bill Black looked him up and they went on a scavenger hunt together and had a most enjoyable day.

T/Sgt John Rashinsky wrote a letter from Italy. The gags and poems are still a part of the bright side in his opinion. In a second letter written from Cerignola, Italy, he states that he expects to be home in the near future before being shipped out again.

Romie Hudzinski, ACRM, W9JPS, dropped us a change of address card and also a letter.

Midshipman Dale Harris, USN, W9PCN, graduated from Annapolis Naval Academy, June 6th, with the rank of Ensign, was married on the same day and then had to report for duty on the aircraft carrier USS Midway. Boy! That's cramming a lot of happenings into a short time.

Ed. Thornley, S 1/C, wrote from the Hugh Manley Naval Pre-Radio School, at Chicago. He sent along a copy of the "Condenser".

Bob Schmidt, W9VDY, wrote us a nice letter from Boston with some choice dope for the Bulletin, but, again, it is a little too choice.

Frederic Rahr, RT 3/C, dropped us a nice letter from Navy Pier, Chicago.

Sgt. Jimmie Fischer wrote an air mail letter from Austria.

Lt.(jg) George Pfister, USNR, W9IZQ, wrote a letter enroute from Pittsburgh to New Orleans. George, being a river going sailor for the time being aboard the USS Fabius.

Bud Naugle, CRM, W9QIH, wrote to Jack Doyle from the Pacific. He's still on the good ole USS Altamaha.

Sgt. Gil Rink wrote from Paris. Gil sent along the story of the swimming pool with more liquid in it after than before. It's very complicated.

1st Lt. Sid Rose, W9VKC, wrote from New Delhi, India, and has been sending us the "Roundup" right along.

The CRA June Bulletin was received and appreciated.

Lt. Art Trautman, W9KFB, sent us the RSGB Amateur Radio Handbook. Many thanks, Art, the Boys will get a kick out of it.

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Ray Charney, RT 3/C wrote from Australia. The Boys in his unit get a kick out of the Bulletin.

Capt. D. Wesley Correll, W9FY, wrote from the Philippines. He's very grateful for receiving the Bulletins. He states that he is near Louis Wollaeger and is on the lookout for him.

Pfc. Orrin Loch sent us a nice letter from Germany.

Comdr. Fred Catel, USNR, W9DTK, wrote from the Marianas. Fred is Staff Communications Officer. He sent us a nude that has them all beat, it being Fred himself taking a shower. He now is entitled to the moniker "The Pin-up Boy of the Pacific".

Again we wish to stress the importance of giving us your new address or your home address. A lot of you fellows will be on the move in the near future and the APO & FPO will be overburdened, so won't you please make their task easier by giving us your QTH?

Naturally, all things come to an end, but with the Bulletin it also comes to the topper-offer, so, if you will bear with us, we will give forth with the following:

"Gracie, can you tell the class what part of the human anatomy expands to approximately seven times its normal size when stimulated by excitement?"

"Well, professor, as I am the only girl in this class of forty, I think it is quite unfair of you to ask me that question."

"Sit down! I will answer the question for you. It is the cornea of the eye! And as for you, Gracie, you are an incorrigible optimist!"

So be careful, Boys, take good care of yourselves, drop us a line and you will hear from us next month.

73,

The Gang.

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THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB, INC.

1945 Bulletin # 7.

July 25, 1945.

Dear Members:

Summer should be here, but instead we have had "the works". In the past month the temperature has ranged from 45 to 90 degrees, leaning heavily on the cool side, especially at night. We had rain galore, with thunderstorms and hail. The DX conditions on FM opened up the beginning of the month. Outside of that, everything is OK and we are ready to go into our poem, which happens to be more truth than poetry:

You ain't gettin' old when your hair turns gray,
You ain't gettin' old when your teeth decay;
But you're gettin' old fast and slippin' down hill
Where the grade is steep,
When your head makes a date
Which your body can't keep!

The club being on vacation means a little bare spot right about here where we usually spill some club meeting dope. We will, therefore, fill in this space with a snazzy joke, so hang on to your hats, Boys.

He opened the curtains of his lower berth. In it were two lovely blondes. He consulted his ticket, checked the train and car numbers. It was his berth. He parted the curtains again, "I'm sorry, ladies, but I'm married and highly respected in my small town. I can't afford to have a breath of scandal attached to me. I'm terribly sorry ----- but one of you will have to leave."

Charlie Brown of Radio Parts Company informed us that his son, Stanley, is on the LST 905 somewhere in the Pacific. Possibly ANA, DTK, JWT, or some of the other boys can keep their eyes open for LST 905 - as Stanley would be surprised if one of you fellows could look him up.

Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, has resigned his Technical Observer job and can be found back at his old stand, Central Radio Parts Company. Too bad, for we thought that at long last the vertical versus horizontal controversy would be settled, but now we will have to be satisfied with the antennas that we have been using.

Lt. Bill Crouch, USNR, ex9BDD, paid us a visit. He made a quick trip to these parts to sell his house in Waukesha and has gone back to Washington, D.C., to his job of terminating Navy contracts. Bill has become an ardent philatelist.

Did you hear about the girl who married because her slip was showing.

The WERS activities were as follows:

The drill of June 20th was controlled by Unit 10 for the North side of town and Unit 1 for the South side.

Unit 22 had net control on June 27th and shifted control, unexpectedly to Unit 8 and later to Unit 4, and gave the boys a real workout. No drill was held on July 4th.

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The drill of July 11th was started by Unit 1 with roll call. At 9 P.M. portable mobile Unit 31 took over net control relaying through Unit 7 for stations on the North side and Unit 4 on the South side.

The July 18th drill was conducted by Unit 1 with roll call and then an open net until 9:30 P.M. In the interim some tests were made by various units. A vote was taken, over the air, to decide whether drills should be continued or not. The outcome showed a majority in favor of a vacation until Fall. We will not discontinue the Sunday, Monday and Wednesday tests, but the regular controlled net, with every one present, will be stopped for the time being, with only one drill in August and possibly a WERS operators' meeting at the Safety Building.

Liza: "How come yo' makin' all dem lemon pies?"
Mandy: "Dat soldier husband of mine am coming home on furlough tomorrow, and dem pies am gonna be the second thing he asks fo'."

An eventual system of more than 800 broadcasting stations devoted entirely to education was envisioned, in Washington, by educators planning school use of surplus radio equipment.

Final decision was made by the FCC for frequency allocations for all radio services in the 44 - 108 megacycle band. Following are the allocations as announced:

42 - 44 non govt. fixed & mobile	72 - 76 non govt. fixed & mobile
44 - 50 television channel 1	76 - 82 television channel 5
50 - 54 amateur	82 - 88 " " 6
54 - 60 television channel 2	88 - 92 non coml. educational FM
60 - 66 " " 3	92 - 106 commercial FM
66 - 72 " " 4	106 - 108 facsimile.

This now completes the frequency allocations above 25 Mc. and makes the following amateur assignments final:

28 - 29.7	(10 meters)	1,145 - 1,245)	So-called
50 - 54	(6 ")	2,300 - 2,450)	"Jeweler's Bands" &
144 - 148	(2 ")	5,250 - 5,650)	will no doubt be
220 - 225	(1¼ ")	10,000 -10,500)	termed 1, 2, 5, 10, &
420 - 450	temp. shared with air navigation aids	21,000 -22,000)	20 kMc (kilomegacycle) regions.

We lost 300 Kc of the 10 meter band, 5 meters (56-60) was shifted to 6 meters (50-54), 2½ meters(112-116) was moved to 2 meters (144-148) and the 1¼ meter band was changed from 224-230 to 220-225 Mc.

The FCC's proposed frequency allocations below 25 Mc. are as follows:

3,500 - 4,000 Kc
7,000 - 7,300
14,000 - 14,400
21,000 - 21,500

We lost the 160 meter band, except for amateur emergency work, where an allocation will be somewhere between 1605 - 1800 Kc. Our 80-40-20 meter bands are to remain the same and in addition a 15 meter (21,000-21,500 Kc) band is requested. ARRL asked for 21,000 to 22,000 Kc.

It must be remembered that the allocations below 25 Mc. is only a preliminary FCC proposal, in which even the US decisions are not final, and that, thereafter, the international conferences must be contended with before final decisions can be made.

"I suppose that I shouldn't be offering you wine in view of the fact that you are the head of the Temperance League?"
"Oh, no, my dear lady. I'm the head of the Vice League."
"Well, I knew that there was something that I should not offer you."

The technical staffs of WTMJ and WMFM are being trained in television technique. Although television is not expected for some time, perhaps not before 1947, preparations have been made to bring it to Milwaukee as soon as possible.

The Pere Marquette carferries are now equipped with a radio telephone system using high frequency, installed by Bendix Radio. They also operate two shore stations - at Milwaukee and Ludington, Mich. - and the C&W road National Ave. yard. They have an effective distance of 60 miles, ship to shore, and about 40 miles, ship to ship.

An Afro-American preacher was describing Hell to his awed congregation. "Bredren, yo' all has seen meltin' steel arunnin' outten a furnace, hasn't yo'? It am white hot, sizzlin' and spittin'. Well, dey uses that stuff fo' ice cream in de place I'se tellin' yo' about."

Communications were received from the following:

Pvt. Paul Ripple wrote from Germany. Rip expects to swing a skywire between two palm trees soon.

Capt. Rolland Rahr, wrote a V-mail from the ETO. Rollie said to hold his mail, as he expects to be shifted.

Capt. Reid Burrows, USMCR, W9JWT, wrote air mail from Peleliu. Reid informs us that the hams on the island are organizing the F.P.O.P. club.(Frustrated Patriots of Peleliu). It has another meaning, for informal purposes. Reid is very busy but still takes time to nurse the garden along under all sorts of handicaps, such as: blight, bugs, crabs, chickens, rain, poor soil, etc. He has harvested radishes, lettuce, onions, carrots, tomatoes, cabbage and corn. The flowers are the real thing, though. Reid is the one man committee for the chaplain and the cemetery. The zinnias are 4 ft. high with blossoms 4" to 5" in dia. and of 10 different colors and varieties.

Ed. Thornley, S 1/C, wrote from Great Lakes where he now is going to primary radio school for a 12 week course.

A man who hadn't kissed his wife for five years shot a fellow who did.

Lt.(jg) George Pfister, USNR, W9IZQ, was on shakedown trips with the USS Fabius. George explains that in mythology Fabius was one of the illegitimate sons of Hercules, and as the "tub" was built for one purpose and now is used for another, the name fits pretty well.

"Mid" Middleton, W2OEN ex-W9AOB, Ass't Editor of QST, dropped us a card and acknowledged receipt of Bulletin #6, and he thinks it's a nifty club effort.

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John Reinke, CRT, W9OXP, wrote a letter to Emil Felber, W9RH. John is teaching at the Naval Research Lab. in Washington, but expects to be transferred soon. In a letter to us he acknowledged receipt of the Bulletin and sends 73 to the Gang.

Lt. Louis Wollaeger, USNR, W9ANA, wrote his regular air mail letters. He is now established in a Quonset hut on Luzon and conditions are improving.

Some girls proclaim their beauty from the hose tops.

T/4 Ed. Strelczyk, W9ANK, wrote from Oslo, Norway. He sent his brother's address who is a CRM in the USCG. Ed. wishes to be remembered to the gang.

Lt.(jg) Bill Black, USNR, wrote from Luzon. Blackie has a travelling job, being on ship part of the time and ashore the rest.

Cpl. John Holmes wrote from Australia. He finally met Ray Charney down there and they had a bull session.

Paul Leser, ARM 1/C, W9ADI, wrote from Pensacola, Fla. He sent along the Naval Base's newspaper called the "Gosport" from which we quote the following: Said one stork to the other: "Is my face red; how was I to know they weren't married?"

Walter Stromberg, W9DC, dropped us a line from Lake Geneva. Walt misses the Milwaukee Gang and is glad to get the Bulletin to fill in the gaps and keep up with the goings on. He sends 73 to the gang.

Cpl. Waldemar Heinrich wrote a V-mail letter informing us of a change in address. He shifted from the Marianas to west of 180 degrees.

Dick Downing dropped us a line from Springfield, Mass. Dick, you will remember, is our carrier current friend who attend MRAC meetings while being a dental student at Marquette.

Did you hear of the fellow who went spooning with his sugar last night, but found there was nothing stirring!

Comdr. Fred Catel, USNR, W9DTK, wrote an air mail letter from Saipan. He sent along some US propaganda paper money.

Pvt. Paul Anton, W9UNY, wrote us a line from El Paso, Texas. Long have we waited for a few words from the errant Paul and now find that he is in the army and at present in the Wm. Beaumont General Hospital, but expects to be shipped out soon.

Lt. Sid Rose, W9VKC, sends the weekly issues of the India-Burma Theater newspaper, the "Roundup", which we greatly appreciate. The following may not be of interest to the Boys, but the Editor must have some diversion. We noticed in the July 5th issue that S/Sgt Karl Peterson, our pet "Roundup" staff writer, was a 98 point G.I. and was honorably discharged. Pistol Pete's job was taken over by T/7 Osmosis Fink, who calls himself the Poor Man's Karl Peterson. Fink writes a mean column that has plenty on the ball. Maybe Sid Rose can get him to write a thesis on the name Osmosis. Our smattering knowledge of Greek tells us it has something to do with the state of being pushed - so please elucidate Osmosis - it should be interesting.

The following has nothing to do with the MRAC, WERS, radio in any of its forms, the Boys in service or the Gang back home, but is merely used as a filler. So you can read it if you wish, but if you want to save time, skip it.

Is English Fallacious?

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes;
But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes.
Then one fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese!
You may find a lone mouse or a whole nest of mice,
But the plural of house is houses, not hice!
If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
If I speak of a foot and you show me your feet,
And I give you a boot - would a pair be called beet?
If one is a tooth, and a whole set are teeth,
Why should not the plural of booth be called beeth?
Then one may be that and three would be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose;
And the plural of cat is cats, and not cose!
We speak of a brother, and also of brethern,
But though we say mother, we never say methern!
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine, she, shis and shim!
So English, I fancy, you all will agree,
Is the funniest language you ever did see!

No wonder they couldn't learn English.

When the English tongue we speak
Why is break not rimed with freak?
Will you tell me why it's true
We say sew, but likewise few?
And the maker of a verse
Cannot rime his horse with worse?
Beard sounds not the same as heard;
Cord is different from word;
Cow is cow but low is low
Shoe is never rimed with foe,
Think of hose and dose and lose
And think of goose and yet of choose.
Think of comb and tomb and bomb,
Doll and roll and home and some.
And since pay is rimed with say
Why not paid with said, I pray?
Think of blood and food and good;
Mould is not pronounced like could.
Therefore done, but gone and lone
Is there any reason known?
To sum up all, it seems to me
Sounds and letters don't agree.

If you have read the foregoing, we hope you are not too confused to read the next page.

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As we come to the topper-offer portion of the Bulletin, we again are confronted with the problem of picking a joke. The material that we have collected is bad, worse and indifferent, so we will offer one at random.

"Of course, I love you, Tom," and she took off her shoes.
"Yes, we will get married some day," and she took off her stockings.
"We will have the sweetest little house," and she took off her dress.
"Tom, dear, why can't we be married in the Spring, when all the world is full of flowers?" and she took off her slip.
"If you prefer the Fall, dear, I prefer it, too. We are as one, sweetheart," and she removed the last vestige of clothing, and tumbled into bed.
"Now, I'd better say goodnight, dearest, as I have to get up early in the morning," and she hung up the receiver.

So be careful, Boys, take good care of yourselves, drop us a line and you will hear from us next month.

73,

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1945 Bulletin # 8.

August 25, 1945.

Dear Members:

Slowly our vacation period is slipping by and nothing much has been accomplished as far as the Bulletin's editor is concerned. Our stock of poems and jokes is gradually diminishing and those that are left are getting seedier and seedier, so please bear with us while we render a little poem before it sprouts:

A queen bee has a thousand drones,
Whom she must pet and please,
Just think of all the eggs she lays
To hatch out sons of bees!

That was a rather weak attempt, but the assistance from the Boys goes to either one extreme or the other, so it doesn't help us much in filling this space, usually taken up by club news.

Norb Kelly, CRM, USNR, W9JWN, dropped in to see us recently. Norb attended Naval School at Dearborn, Mich., for the past four months, and is now back on sea duty on the Pacific.

Lt. Sid Rose, W9VKC, has been on leave for 45 days. He spent most of his time with the XYL and the jr. op. Sid dropped in to see us, but due to the scarcity of time, we didn't get to hear all that we wanted to hear. His I-B gang kept the "Roundup" coming, for which we send thanks. Sid is going back to India - must be nice there?

Father and daughter stood watching the young people dancing. "I'll bet you never saw any dancing like that back when you were my age, Dad."
"Well, it was a little different at the MRAC QSO parties!"

WMFM, the Milwaukee Journal's FM station is transmitting its programs simultaneously on 45.5 and 91 Mc. temporarily, while making tests for the highest efficiency type of antenna on the new higher frequency band. After the new 50 KW transmitter is available, the height of the antenna tower will be increased from the present 200 ft. to 540 ft. The FCC will then assign a frequency somewhere between 92 - 106 Mc. Transmissions will then also continue for some time on 45.5 Mc from a temporary transmitter.

Puppy Love: The beginning of a dog's life.

At long last the Electric Co. received the OK from the CAA and the FCC to install their two-way FM emergency transmitter at County Trunk FF, New Berlin, Waukesha County. The site is one of the highest in this territory, being 980 ft. above sea level. The antenna will be mounted on a 260 ft. steel tower. The frequency to be used will be 39,860 Kc. and the call letters will be WQIL. Forty-three trucks are to be equipped with receivers and transmitters at this time.

As one girl put it, "Everything I want is either illegal, immoral, or fattening.

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A plan has been devised for broadcasting television and FM programs by using airplanes, cruising six miles above the earth, as relay stations was announced by Westinghouse Electric Corp. The system is known as "Stratovision". Application has been made with the FCC for test flights this fall.

Herb Wareing, W9NY, radio engineer for the police department and station WPDK reported that a 3-position dispatcher's desk and equipment has been installed at the Safety Bldg. The new equipment co-ordinates and unifies all radio communication in the Milwaukee metropolitan area.

Bill Baumann of the Wauwatosa Police Department Radio reports that he is equipping the 'Tosa Fire Department with 2-way FM radio.

"One reason the radio will never replace the newspaper," says one commentator, "is that you can't wrap the garbage in it."

The Johnson Service Co. gave a demonstration of its Radiosonde Atmosphere Recorder for airline and weather bureau officials and army and navy officers. The little transmitter is taken aloft by a 30" helium-filled rubber balloon and provides a ground receiver with meteorological information.

The FCC issued a limited number of experimental licenses for 2-way radio telephone service for mobile units. Results of these tests will determine the best operating plan for the proposed radio telephone service for motor vehicles, air and marine mobile units.

Adolescence: The time in a boy's life when his voice changes--to a whistle.

WERS activities, although on a vacationing basis, hit a few highs:

July 23rd, WIXC, Muskegon, Mich., reported to Herb Wareing, W9NY, Radio Aide, that they heard WMFI units 2 and 4, also portable mobile unit 31. Approximate distance 90 miles.

Aug. 5th, portable mobile unit 31 located on Latham Peak at Sullivan, south of Delafield, had two-way QSO's with units 3 and 17, approximate distance 35 miles, and also worked portable mobile unit 36 who was located on Holy Hill, approximate distance 25 miles.

The announced drill for Aug. 15th was not held due to V-J day.

A bride stepped into a drug store and approached the druggist timidly:

"Does that baby tonic you advertise really make babies bigger and stronger?"

"We sell lots of it lady and we never had a complaint."

"Well, I'll take a bottle." She departed with it.

In a few minutes she returned, took the druggist by the arm and led him to a corner of the store and whispered:

"I forgot to ask you whether I am to take the tonic or whether my husband should take it."

Communications were received from the following:

John Naugle, CRM, USNR, W9QIH, wrote to Jack Doyle, W9GPI. Bud had a 5 day furlough, which he spent in the most interesting and pleasant manner; namely, getting married to Florence Wheatley, at San Francisco, on July 3rd. After a quick "Dude Ranch" honeymoon, Bud was reluctantly dragged back to the USS Altamaha.

Sgt. Gil Rink wrote from Southern France. He received Bulletin # 6 and sends 73 to the gang.

Sgt. Curtis Schultz wrote from Burma. He sends 73 to the Gang, especially to W9SYT and the NYA bunch.

Eugene Mahoney, RM 1/C, W9ZIE, dropped us a line from the Philippines in which he states that all the RM's and RT's in his outfit look forward to "Jeep's" Bulletin from the MRAC.

Have you heard the one about the two strawberries that were found in the same bed - and ended up in a jam.

Lt. Louis Wollaeger, USNR, W9ANA, wrote several letters from Luzon. Louis is busy in his spare time figuring on how he will get his radio junk home, as he expects to be with us within a couple of months.

Ed. Thornley, S 1/C (RT) wrote from Great Lakes. He states that the weekly tests are so tough that they lose more RT's by tests than the Navy does in action.

Pfc. Paul Ripple wrote from Esslingen, Germany. Rip. is now operating teletype and expects to be sent out CBI way.

"Mrs. Coy," said the ice man, "as my route has been changed, I'm going to have to make you an hour later from today on."

Capt. Reid Burrows, USMCR, W9JWT, wrote from Peleliu and states that they have 15 members in the F.P.O.P. radio club who all get a kick out of the MRAC bulletin. Reid expects to be back with us sometime this fall.

Sarge: "Aw, c'mon, let's take a walk in the park."
Marge: "Didn't I tell you I was a lady?"
Sarge: "I don't care nothin' about your past!"

Sgt. Bernie Kellner wrote from the Philippines. He is in a training group that is instructing native soldiers. Bernie said that although he has been shifted any number of times he has received all the Bulletins.

Sgt. Frank Detzek dropped us a line from Strother Field, Kansas, just before shipping out to Brownsville, Texas.

Again we make an appeal to the Boys to give us the change in their address, or better yet, their home address. It is such a waste of time to mail out Bulletins, clutter up the APO's, only to have the letters returned for lack of the right address. So won't you please do that little thing and make it easier all the way around?

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News Flash: Restrictions of amateur radio have NOT been lifted. Many amateurs thought that after V-J day the ban would be off and forthwith went on the air. The FCC monitored them and announced in a newsbroadcast that the restrictions were still in effect on all bands with the exception of the 112 - 115.5 Mc. band which is open for the next 90 days.

Again we come to our topper-offer and this time we offer the following:

A prominent bishop sat in a box in the opera house awaiting the curtain and watching the fair ladies in low cut evening gowns being ushered to their seats. After looking around the house with opera glasses, one of the ladies in the party said:

"Honestly, bishop, did you ever see anything like it in your life?"

"Never," gravely replied the bishop, "never, since I was weaned."

So be careful, Boys, take good care of yourselves, drop us a line and you will hear from us next month.

73,

The Gang.

P.S. - Don't forget to notify us of a change in your address.

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